

# **PART 581—LEASING OF MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, AND SUL- PHUR IN THE OUTER CONTI- NENTAL SHELF**

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AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 9701, 43 U.S.C. 1334.

## **Subpart A—General**

### **§ 581.0 Authority for information collection.**

The information collection requirements contained in part 581 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned clearance number 1010–0082. The information is being collected to determine if the applicant for a lease on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) is qualified to hold such a lease or to determine if a requested action is warranted. The information will be used to make those determinations. An applicant must respond to obtain or retain a benefit.

### **§ 581.1 Purpose and applicability.**

The purpose of these regulations is to establish procedures under which the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) will exercise the authority granted to administer a leasing program for minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur in the OCS. The rules in this part apply exclusively to leasing activities for minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur in the OCS pursuant to the Act.

### **§ 581.2 Authority.**

The Act authorizes the Secretary to grant leases for any mineral other than oil, gas, and sulphur in any area of the OCS to the qualified persons offering the highest cash bonuses on the basis of competitive bidding upon such royalty, rental, and other terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe at the time of offering the area for lease (43 U.S.C. 1337(k)). The Secretary is to administer the leasing provisions of the Act and prescribe the rules and regulations necessary to carry out those provisions (43 U.S.C. 1334(a)).

### **§ 581.3 Definitions.**

When used in this part, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

*Act* means the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*).

*Adjacent State* means with respect to any activity proposed, conducted, or